

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 and 14-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-6, 14, 15, 19 and 20 are amended. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found, for example, in Figures 1, 7, 14 and 18 of the application. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments in the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 16-18 are allowed. For the reasons discussed below, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this amendment, claims 1 and 14 are amended to obviate the rejection and to recite "a combination of a composite anchor bolt and a concrete frame." Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5, 6, 14, 15, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 2,879,660 to Reintjes. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Reintjes would not have rendered obvious the combination of a composite anchor bolt and a concrete frame as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 14.

It is unclear which element disclosed in Reintjes the Office Action alleges corresponds to the claimed concrete frame. In fact, Reintjes does not disclose any features that could reasonably be considered to correspond to the claimed concrete frame. Specifically, referring to Fig. 17 of Reintjes, Reintjes describes element 1 as a shell or framework, element 8 as a bolt, element 16 as a space filled with block or plastic insulation, and element 17 as tile. None of these elements, or any other elements disclosed in Reintjes, correspond to the claimed concrete frame.

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 14 are patentable over Reintjes. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 15, 19 and 20 depend from independent claims 1 and 14 and are, therefore, also patentable over Reintjes at least for the dependence, as well as for the additional features these claims recite.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

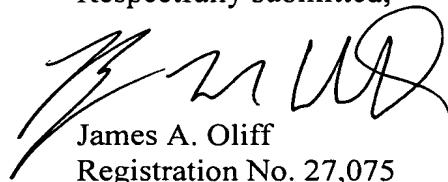
The Office Action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Reintjes in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,604,899 to Kubler et al. (Kubler). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 4 depends from independent claim 1. Kubler fails to overcome the deficiencies of Reintjes with respect to independent claim 1, as discussed above. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is also patentable over the combination of Reintjes and Kubler, and claim 4 is patentable over the combination at least for its dependence from allowable independent claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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